



John Joseph ALLEN

Private. Royal Army Service Corps

At KES:

John's father died before he was born and it is likely that he was an orphan, as he was in the care of his uncle, when he came to KES in 1900, aged 11. His occupation at school was Tailor and he was described as good. He left in 1904 to work for a provisions merchant in Botolph Lane, East London.

He married in 1908 and had two children.

Date of Death: 22nd August 1918

Place: France

Buried: Villiers Station Cemetery, Villiers-Au- Blois

The British Army was the most mechanised of all in the Great War when it came to using motor vehicles for transport. A large total of ASC Mechanical Transport Companies eventually existed and John belonged to VIII Corps Troops, Mechanical Transport Coy.

He was killed in action during the Second Battle of the Somme.